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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A reaction apparatus comprising a heat exchanger 5 and a reactor 1

with a heater 2, which are enclosed in an outer casing $6_{\frac{1}{2}}$:

wherein the heat exchanger has a first end and a second end, the top whereby the first end of the

heat exchanger 5 being connected to the reactor 1, the other end part and the second end of the

heat exchanger 5 and the-a bottom of the outer casing 6 being fixed to each other by a flange-4.

and a double piping 7 having an inner tube and an outer tube, for introducing a gas to be treated

and for discharging the treated gas, wherein the double piping is being connected to the other

second end part of the heat exchanger 5, such that the gas passes through the heat exchanger 5,

the reactor 1 and the heat exchanger 5 in this order during the a process from introducing gas

through one of the inner tube and the outer tube in the double piping to discharging the gas

through the other tube of the inner tube and the outer tube.

2. (Currently amended) The reaction apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the heat

exchanger—5 is a shell and tube-type heat exchanger.

3. (Currently amended) The reaction apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the outer

casing-6 has an eyebolt fixing part 9 on the ceiling part, thereby the outer casing 6 is detachable

for detachably engaging the outer casing to the reactor.

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(Currently amended) The reaction apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the reactor + 4.

has fins 13 in the inside thereof.

5. (Currently amended) The reaction apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one

fins 13 are is provided inside the inner tube 7a in the double piping 7 and/or between the inner

tube 7a and the outer tube 7b in the double piping-7.

6. (Currently amended) The reaction apparatus as claimed in claim 1, comprising a

mechanism where the gas to be treated is introduced through the inner tube 7a and discharged

through the outer tube 7b.

7. (Currently amended) The reaction apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein the outer tube

7b-of the double piping 7-has a heat radiating plate.

8. (Currently amended) The reaction apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the reaction

apparatus is adapted to be installed horizontally and the reactor—1 with a heater—2 and the heat

exchanger 5-are placed horizontally with respect to each other.

9. (Currently amended) A reaction method comprising the steps of:

introducing a gas to a double piping, wherein the double piping has an inner tube and an outer

tube;

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passing athe gas to be treated sequentially into one tube of the inner tube 7a and the outer tube 7b

in athe double piping-7, a heat exchanger-5, a reactor-1 with a heater-2, the heat exchanger-5 and

the other tube of the inner tube and the outer tube in the double piping 7 in this order; and

heating the gas to be treated by the heater-2 before the gas to be treated is introduced into the

reactor-1, thereby adjusting the temperature difference in the a gas flow direction inside the

reactor-1.

10. (Currently amended) The reaction method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the gas to be

treated is introduced through the inner tube 7a of the double piping 7 and discharged through the

outer tube 7b.

11. (Original) The reaction method as claimed in claim 9 or 10, wherein the temperature

difference is adjusted to 50°C or less.

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